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The Gideons, at their recent forty-ninth annual convention, held at San Francisco, authorized the purchase of 500,000 Bibles for the new peace-time Army of the U. S.

The office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has announced that the body has reached a record membership of 2,274,294.

Dr. Gerhard Kittel, author of the still incomplete monumental Greek New Testament Lexicon, passed away on July 11 at Tuebingen, Germany. Arrangements have been made, however, to carry the work, which had reached the letter "O," to completion.

Have you ever been annoyed by infants crying during church services? Perhaps the view which Rev. H. B. Roepe. pastor of Ev. Lutheran St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, La., takes, may help you to overcome your annoyance. Says the pastor: "The crying of childish voices at our services is a sweet song of hope for future St. Paul's churchgoers."

The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, has received permission from the Federal Communications Commission to increase the power of its FM broadcasting station from one thousand to fifty thousand watts.

The sixteenth season of the International Lutheran Hour will be inaugurated by a Lutheran Hour rally at the Hollywood Bowl Sunday, Oct. 3, at 3:30. The committee in charge of arrangements is inviting Lutherans in all parts of the country to attend. Inquiries about transportation, hotel reservations, and the like may be directed to the Rally Committee, 5146 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

The first part of the Spanish translation of *Christian Dogmatics* by Prof. John Theodore Mueller of Concordia Seminary has recently been put on the market by our Concordia Publishing House. The translation is the work of the Rev. Andres Meléndez, the official Spanish translator of our Board for Missions in North and South America. The book covers the doctrines concerning the Holy Scriptures, God, the Divine Decree, Creation, Divine Providence, the Angels, and Man. The great need for a textbook of Christian doctrine felt in our Spanish work, particularly in the training schools for future workers in the Church, can now be met, at least in part. It is hoped that before long the remainder of the book may also appear in translation. The volume of 240 pages was printed by the planograph method and is priced at $1.50.

The Vacation Bible School of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier, Md.

was conducted at Trinity Lutheran School, Hyattsville, Md., from July 12 to July 23, with a record enrollment of 483 and an average daily attendance of 350. The two weeks of school were climaxed by a demonstration evening on July 23, at which over 750 assembled in the auditorium of the school. According to the pastor's estimate, approximately fifty per cent of those present were not in any way connected with the church. The Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow and a staff of some forty-six teachers and helpers guided the children, ages two to fourteen, through a program of Bible study, handicraft, hymn singing, recitation, and visual education, including both religious slides and religious and secular movies. Outsiders expressed much interest in the program, and many were impressed by the order and discipline of the school. As a direct result of the Vacation Bible School, a number of applications were received for enrollment in the Christian day school in September. Unfortunately the present facilities are unable to accommodate any increase in enrollment. The need for religious education is being felt in the community

Twenty-three of the thirty-one grims who journeyed to the Roman Cat lic shrine at Lourdes, France, early summer, looking towards miraculous for physical disabilities, are reported have returned by plane to the Uni States. According to the clergymen led the pilgrimage there were no strik cures, but some of the pilgrims had ceived spiritual and mental aid.

Three generations took part in service in which the Rev. Carl F. Sch nerer, Jr., was ordained and installed pastor of the Lutheran Church of Resurrection, Detroit, Mich. The yo

L. to r.: Dr. John Schinnerer, the Rev. Carl Schinnerer, Jr., the Rev. Carl A. Schinnerer,

pastor's father, the Rev. Carl A. Schi nerer, Sr., pastor of St. Peter's Luther Church, Reedsburg, Wis., conducted service and performed the rite of instal tion. The grandfather, the Rev. Jo Schinnerer, D. D., former President of Michigan District of our Synod, ordain in 1887, assisted.

Frankenlust, the Lutheran settleme founded by Bavarian immigrants n Saginaw, Mich., a century ago, recen observed the centennial of the communi with a special two-day celebration, July and 5. Speakers at the Sunday centenn services were the Rev. Andrew Ze President of the Michigan District, the Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Vice-President Synod. On Monday morning the arri of the original settlers was re-enacted they landed on the banks of Squaconni Creek. A crowd estimated at four tho sand saw the participants in the pagea wearing stovepipe hats and derbies, bo nets and shawls, round a bend in the cree and disembark at the same point as d their pioneer forefathers in 1848. horse-drawn carriages the "settlers" th led a parade to the church picnic groun for the day's program. The ringing of t church bells and a brief stop in front the church, while the band played "Pra to the Lord, the Almighty, the King Creation," added a note of solemnity to t festivities. G. V. S.

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Editorial

trength in the Inner Man"

In keeping with the theme of this cycle of Sundays, next nday's (16th after Trinity) Propers refer to the source of Christian's strength "to meet the doubts, sufferings, and rows of this present life." We need "to be strengthened h might by His Spirit in the inner man" (Epistle). The spel shows how the Savior helped the Widow of Nain in great sorrow. We also will be able to bear our sorrows Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. In the Collect we ask t "Thy grace may always go before and follow after us" the same end. The Introit shows the foundation of the rit's indwelling in the fact of God's mercy and forgive- s of our sins through Christ Jesus our Lord. What ater comfort and source of strength can we have in our e of need!

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily. For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive: and plen- us in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear Me: for I am poor and dy.

W. G. P.

therans Advance

It cannot be denied that the Lutheran Church has ad- nced into prominent public notice. The growing use of language of our country, the employment of the radio, ecially by the Lutheran Hour, and the aggressive activity the Lutheran Publicity Bureau have all contributed to s. Now the conferences conducted by our leading clergy h the Lutheran leaders in Germany and the Scandinavian ntries have attracted wide attention. The continued en- avors to bring about a better understanding between different American synods has also produced fruits. Behnken and the brethren who serve with him in these ropean conferences report that these meetings have again monstrated the power of God's Word and truth. Truly, o shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it ll not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that ich I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto ent it" (Is. 55:11). They are full of praise and thanks- ring to God, who has blessed their humble endeavors to ke known the precious truths of the Lutheran Confes- ns, based upon God's Word. In one of his letters Behnken remarks that whereas the Missouri Synod had en known in Europe as the champion of Lutheran ortho- xy, many have now been impressed with the precious its of love, mercy, and kindness which this faith produces. e verity of Jesus' word has again been recognized: "By s shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have e one to another" (John 13:35).

S.

A Word on the Stewardship of Some of the Rich

In connection with the stewardship of money, it is a well-known fact that it is the gifts of the man and woman of moderate means that form the bulk of the contributions for local and synodical budgetary requirements. Dr. O. A. Geiseman, in his book *Where God Meets Man,* has this to say on the rich man's difficulty to give proportionately:

How difficult it is for men to be good stewards may readily be observed in the membership of the Church. You know without my telling you that if the moderately situated members of the Church would proportionately give no more from their small incomes than do those who have the larger incomes, there would not be a single church body, and there would not be a Christian congregation which could meet its obligations and pay its bills. It would not be possible then to maintain our charitable and educational institutions or to send missionaries into foreign fields. Persons in the higher income brackets most often do not give proportionately, because it is so difficult for man to be a good steward.

W. G. P.

Constructive and Destructive Activity

No great art or ability is required for breaking, smashing, and tearing down, but high gifts and genuine ability are required for the work of building up. We ought remember that also in our church work. True, there must be destructive work. Of Jesus we are told that He came to destroy the works of the devil. However, He did not destroy in order to leave a vacancy and a desert; He destroyed in order that He might have space to build up, and therefore He declared: "I will build My Church," Matt. 16:18. The disciples of Jesus at times showed a carnal zeal, which Jesus had to repress. Here is one instance: "And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in My name that can lightly speak evil of Me. For he that is not against Us is on Our part," Mark 9:38–40. In like manner Luther opposed the shameful traffic in indulgences. He opposed the superstitious traditions by which thousands of souls were misled and other thousands were offended, but his main work consisted in building up. By his translation of the Bible, his catechisms, his hymns, his sermons, and his many edifying writings, he built up among men faith, hope, and charity.

True, Luther found so much that had to be destroyed that there was danger of his devoting all his energies to this destructive work. His friend Spalatin therefore warned him and requested him to write those beautiful explanations of the Psalms which he has given to the Christian Church.

In reading the life of Luther attentively we will note that he recognized that it was just about impossible to correct all evils. He therefore admonished everyone to do constructive work by teaching the young the truth and training them in true godliness. Even so we must oppose the works of the devil, we must labor, teach, and strive against sin, but, after all, we dare not forget that our chief work — in fact, the actual work for which we are here upon this earth — is constructive work, building up, for through us Jesus wishes to build His Church. We must give ourselves to this constructive work of building, and we should invite others to join us in this work. Of the Israelites who returned from captivity to build their city we read: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work," Neh. 4:6.

S.

Teachers Make the School

September 7 brings school again. That means that the thousand-odd parish schools of the Missouri Synod are also opening their doors today.

A brave sight! Freshly scrubbed children in new school clothes! Newly painted buildings and rooms! In many places, new equipment, new programs, new plans! And all over the country, new interest in the parish school as the real answer to the problem of religious education!

Behind all of this, one stubborn fact remains: the school is no better than its teacher. The teacher makes the school.

One thing to do about it is that every member of the church, and especially every parent, makes up his mind during the new school year to work closely with the teacher. He does not merely need appreciation, but he needs the contact and help of many people, and particularly the parents, in order to make his job work. He needs to know that people recognize his work as well as they appreciate a motion picture machine or a refinished desk top.

Another thing to do is to remember the teacher in those months between October and January when the budget for the coming year is made up. Many parishes in the Missouri Synod have complained about the many changes going on in the staffs of the parish schools. While no accurate study has been made of the problem, it is quite apparent that too many teachers have been salaried under a subsistence level. That is bad stewardship, poor parish administration. Paint gets put on buildings in August. Let's be sure that the right figures get put into budgets in October and November.

R. R. C.

Is the Christian Day School Too Expensive?

At this time of year many of our churches are looking forward to the fall opening of their day schools. Vacancies in the teaching staff must be filled, buildings must be renovated, equipment must be checked over and replenished, canvasses must be made for new pupils, etc. The thought may and does arise in the mind whether the churches are not spending too much money to maintain their own Christian day schools. Quite a few of our churches have never established their own day school because of the cost involved. Is the Christian day school too expensive? The answer to that question is: Not if the main purpose for which these schools are maintained is achieved. The following anecdote well answers the question:

In an address delivered at the opening of a rescue mission for homeless children a noted educator, the speaker of the day, asserted that if only one child were saved by means of that mission, all the expenses of erecting and maintaining that institution would be well paid for. After the close of the servi a guest who had heard that remark went to the speaker and a derisive tone said to him: "Sir, you surely did not mean w you said. Did you not exaggerate when you declared that salvation of one child will exceed the cost of the erection maintenance of this school?" "No, I did not. This school is too expensive if that child were my child," was the prompt terse reply.

W. G. P.

Mission Sunday

At this time of the year many of our churches are serving their annual Mission Sunday. It is an old custo which had its origin with the rise of Lutheran foreign m sions more than two hundred years ago. The chief purp of this annual Sunday is to reanimate the mission spirit our people. There is no question about the benefits blessings that have resulted from these observances. there are those among us who are not "sold" on the need foreign missions. Many of these are ready to give for ho missions, but they give for foreign missions only halfhea edly, if at all, and it is difficult to convince them otherw

The fact is that in this, as in other Christian duties, should not question what is a direct command of our Lo When the Duke of Wellington one day was asked his opin as to the need and profitableness of foreign missions, he ga the correct answer: "I have nothing to do with results, need I trouble myself about them, for they are not my bu ness. But I must see to it that I dare not ignore the or of my Commanding Officer. That order is clear. It is: ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to ev creature.'"

W. G. P.

Converts to the Roman Church

The press reports that here in the United States c versions to Romanism during 1947 reached a new hi In addition to the natural growth by births there w 115,214 adult converts, a gain of 14,586 over 1946. Wh speaking and thinking upon this report, we should ke in mind two things. In the first place, it ought surpr no one that many here in America now turn to the Catho Church. The vagaries and the unreliable teaching of a number of sects, their rationalistic argumentation, wh may easily be overthrown by counterarguments, have p plexed, bewildered, and offended millions. These p drifting souls can easily be won for a doctrine spoken w apparent authority. The lack of indoctrination in sectar churches also leaves virgin soil for the seed of Rome. members of the Lutheran Church dare not forget that same conditions open many doors for us also, who are in position to offer a firm foundation of faith in the Word God.

In the second place, we are to remember that ad converts to the Roman Church frequently give that Chu considerable trouble. Many of these converts were w by reducing the specific Roman teaching to a minimun. have heard clergy of that Church declare that not ev one of these converts is a real gain. We recall the case the Baroness Von Zedtwitz, who, after joining the Ca olic Church, became disillusioned, renounced Romanis and wrote a scathing denunciation of that Church, its d trine, and its practices. Moreover, there are also thousa of Catholics who became Protestants. Nearly all past of our Synod in larger cities can point to any number Catholics who have renounced Romanism and became fai ful and devoted members of the Lutheran Church.

S.

ur Young People – A Question d an Answer

By C. THOMAS SPITZ, Belleville, Ill.

he Christian Church is very much ested in her young people. She better be if she desires to survive. ever, that is not the only reason. eover what is true of the church at is true also of the Christian local regation. "What about the young le of the congregation?" That is ne question most frequently asked. answers given are not always com- and at times even misleading.

lere is one of the answers: "The h of today is the Church of to- row." This answer is true only in — a very small part. It is true with respect to the administrative tions of the congregation, official tions, which have been given into t hands, specifically the hands of nen of the congregation.

he fact of the matter is that the g people of the Church are even a very real and vital part of this ne institution of the Church. They also a living, active, vibrating part ne local congregation.

lready of little children Jesus says: such is the Kingdom of God," k 10:14. Addressing Himself to ts, Jesus said at another time: cept ye be converted and become ittle children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven," Matt. . Jesus has reference to the hu- y of a child, Matt. 3:4, also its unted faith in the true God, its ity to God's Word, and its un- ering childlike confidence in prayer. s warns adults: "Take heed that espise not one of these little ones." . 18:3.

What applies to little children ies also to our young people. Our g people, having outgrown what all childhood, are not yet so far oved from that period of life, and, hope, have not ceased to be an ntial part and power of the Church. heed not to despise them.

hristian young people of today in the Church of today, and they a very essential part of the Christian congregation. But for the official inistrative functions of the local regation, the right to vote and to office in the congregation, our g people are in every way quali- to participate in the worship, er, missionary, and supporting rities of the local congregation, and infrequently they excel in one or e of these departments.

ur Christian young people — God bless them and continue to make of them a blessing to all with whom they come in contact.

Three questions face each of these young people: (1) Whence came I? (2) Why am I here? (3) Whither am I going?

These questions are vitally important. Life loses its meaning if the correct answer is not known.

It is therefore necessary for each young person to put these questions to himself or herself frequently and in all sincerity.

"Whence came I?" The infidel, the agnostic, the skeptic, the rationalist, cannot give the correct answer to this question. Only the Word of God can do that — and only he or she who is acquainted with the Holy Scriptures. Here is the right answer: I am not the product of evolution; I am a creature of God. By Him "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," Ps. 139:14. God has given me "my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses." God has made of me the wonderful creature I am — a human being, the crown of His visible creation. All praise to Him!

"Why am I here?" The answers to this question are varied and many. Some confess that they do not know the answer at all. Others who attempt to answer it more frequently than not entirely miss the mark. Our Christian young people know the answer. They know it from the Word of God. They know that God has put them into the world for a purpose that is more than merely carnal or social. Conceived and born in sin, subject to the wrath of God because of it, but redeemed by the incarnate Son of God, "not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death" — glorious truths which they know and believe, thanks to the gracious operations of the Holy Ghost — they realize that they have a sacred duty and a wonderful privilege as citizens of this world. Our Christian young people know that they are here, here on earth, to be their Savior's own, to "live under Him in His kingdom, and to serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." They are here to be, under Christ, individually and jointly with all their fellow Christians, builders of the Kingdom of God. "Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again," 2 Cor. 5:15. Knowing this, our young people will endeavor with the help of God to grow in appreciation of such grace and will the longer, the more consecrate themselves, their talents, and their material means to the end of spreading abroad the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Thus they answer the question, "Why am I here?"

"Whither am I going?" This is the last, but not the least, of the three questions proposed above.

There is the right way, and there is the wrong way. We human beings are all on our way. Each of the two, the right way and the wrong way, has a destination. The one is heaven; the other is hell. Which way am I going?

The rich man in hell interceded with Abraham to prevent his brothers from being consigned to hell. He requested that Lazarus be sent to them to testify. We know Abraham's reply: "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. . . . If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:27-31. Our young people will want to walk the right way. That way is outlined in the Bible. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word." Ps. 119:9.

Youth needs to know the Word, to be guided by it, and be determined to live and work by it — in the interest of the forgiveness of its sins, the clean life, and consecrated church membership. Faith in Jesus is the way — the faith that worketh by love. Follow this way and be safe.

Whose is the responsibility for the care of the young people in the Church? This is an important question. And what is the answer?

There is no doubt that our young people are in constant danger. The devil hates the Christian Church, of which they are a part. He will do all in his power to accomplish her destruction, in spite of the words of Christ that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

Unable to destroy the Church as such, he sets out to rob her of her members one by one. The aged among them are not secure against his attacks; neither the middle-aged; neither the young. If we examine our church records, it is only too evident that he is not entirely unsuccessful. There are many who once promised faithful-

ness to the Triune God, who for a time believed, but later fell away.

Much, however, as Satan desires to regain for himself the adults of the Church, he is perhaps even more anxious to keep the little child from becoming a Christian or to regain the Christian youth. The reason is quite obvious. "He that has the youth has the future."

To seduce the young, he may use an unsuspecting parent or a fellow church member as well as the lure of the wicked world or the lust of the flesh. Christian parents must realize that they have a tremendous responsibility toward their young people, their children. Theirs is the sacred duty and the glorious privilege by proper precept and example to keep them with the Church and to help them grow in stature as church members. The same duty devolves upon every church member. He must never forget that he is to be his brother's keeper. As such he must guard against any word or action on his part by which a young person may be led astray. Beware of becoming an ally of the Evil One in his efforts to seduce the young!

However, the devil also attacks the young man or woman directly. He will leave nothing undone in an endeavor to deflect the young from the church and to make them morally, spiritually, and physically unfit for the work in the church.

Young people, too, must work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. They, too, personally must fight the good fight of faith. They must remember that in the end, if they are lost, they will have no one to blame but themselves.

"Be sober, be vigilant; for your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." These words are addressed to the young as well as to the old. Words intended especially for the young people are such as these: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not," Prov. 1:10; "Flee youthful lusts," 2 Tim. 2:22. There are many others.

Our young people must never feel secure against the wiles of the devil, trusting in their own power. They must always keep themselves close to the Lord and His Church.

Our young people do need the Church. They need her desperately. They need her ministration — the Word and Sacraments. They need the provisions their congregation makes for their spiritual and professional growth as church members. They need to be advanced in Christian knowledge, exercised in Christian service, joined together in Christian fellowship and Christian recreation. Our young people need these things. Let them personally and individually recognize this fact and make the most of their opportunities. Theirs primarily is the responsibility for remaining in and with the Church.

Our Neglected Minor Festivals

By W. G. POLACK, St. Louis, Mo.

In the calendar of the Christian Church Year there are listed the following minor festivals:

January 25
The Conversion of St. Paul
February 2
The Presentation of Our Lord and The Purification of Mary
February 24
St. Matthias — Apostle
March 25
The Annunciation
April 25
St. Mark — Evangelist
May 1
St. Philip and St. James — Apostles
June 24
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 29
St. Peter and St. Paul — Apostles
July 2
The Visitation
July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
July 25
St. James the Elder — Apostle
August 24
St. Bartholomew — Apostle
September 21
St. Matthew — Apostle, Evangelist
September 29
St. Michael and All Angels
October 18
St. Luke — Evangelist
October 28
St. Simon and St. Jude — Apostles
October 31
The Festival of the Reformation
November 1
All Saints' Day
November 30
St. Andrew — Apostle
December 21
St. Thomas — Apostle
December 26
St. Stephen — Martyr
December 27
St. John — Apostle, Evangelist
December 28
The Holy Innocents

At one time our churches generally observed these days by having divine service, either in the morning or in the evening, even though they did not happen to fall on Sundays. Nowadays with the exception of the festival of Reformation, they are seldom observed even when they do fall on Sundays.

One hesitates to set up an array reasons for this neglect. No do there are a number.

The question is — and it ought to be shrugged off lightly — Should t neglect be allowed to continue? A the reasons, whatever they may be, not celebrating these days as weigh as the reasons for doing so?

If the reader will take up his *L theran Hymnal* and look at the Prop for these festivals as given there, b ginning on page 85 (bottom), and re them carefully, he will find that these days present subjects for Chri tian edification. The Scripture lesso in the Epistles and Gospels, otherwi seldom used as sermon texts, are amo the gems of the Bible. Ought we n meditate on them as regularly as we on the Epistles and Gospels for the re of the church year?

In general, our people have mo free time today than formerly. T work week of most people is for hours. Is all this spare time to given over to recreation and spor Could not an occasional evening servi in observance of these festivals be s aside?

To do so would be strictly in t good Lutheran tradition.

The Lutheran Church does not wo ship the saints, but the Luthera Church does honor them. Our Co fessions take a very positive stand the matter. In the Apology of t Augsburg Confession we declare ov against the saint worship of the R manists:

> Our Confession approves honors to t saints. For here a threefold honor is be approved. The first is thanksgivin For we ought to give thanks to God b cause He has shown examples of merc because He has shown that He wishes save men; because He has given teache or other gifts to the Church. And the gifts, as they are the greatest, should amplified, and the saints themselves shou be praised, who have faithfully used the gifts; just as Christ praises faithful bus nessmen, Matt. 25:21, 23. The second ser ice is the strengthening of our faith; wh we see the denial forgiven Peter, we al are encouraged to believe the more th grace truly superabounds over sin, Ro 5:20. The third honor is the imitatio first, of faith, then of the other virtue which every one should imitate accordi to his calling. These true honors the ad versaries do not require.

We suggest, therefore, that our pa tors and congregations give this matt due consideration. We firmly believ that there will be a real blessing in general restoration of the minor fes tivals among us.

hristian Growth hrough Christian Education

ARTHUR L. MILLER, Executive Secretary
d for Parish Education

he fifth annual observance of Lu- an Education Week, scheduled for ember 19—25, focuses particularly on objective of acquainting our congre- ns and the communities in which are located with the purposes and es of Christian education. "Christian wth Through Christian Education," the an for Lutheran Education Week, es as a reminder of the importance hristian growth to the welfare of the vidual members of the church, young old. The slogan also points to the fact Christian growth does not happen by f — it does not occur apart from the of God's Word; it cannot be produced out effort — the Word of God must be ht and applied.

What Is Christian Growth?

he key text for the slogan "Christian wth Through Christian Education" is et. 3:18: "Grow in grace and in the wledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus ist." God's directive in this Bible pas- is clear; He demands that the entire of the Christian on earth be charac- zed by growth. To be sure, Christian urity, in the sense of perfect holiness iving and perfect knowledge of God His will, is unattainable in this world, it is God's will that we strive to attain ideal.

Growth in grace is an ever-increasing reciation of God's pardoning mercy in ist Jesus, and an ever-increasing con- ion that we have in Christ forgiveness sin, life, and salvation. Growth in wledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus ist requires a growing knowledge of ipture. Since the Holy Spirit operates ough the Word, growth in knowledge of d's Word makes for growth in faith and growth in Christian living.

Christian Growth for Our Children

The Christian growth of our children is left to our choice. It is a task which Savior Himself has bound on the istian conscience in the Great Com- ssion, "Go ye . . . and teach . . . teaching m to observe all things whatsoever ave commanded you." The Lord will e no excuses; here is a clear-cut com- nd (Matt. 28:19-20).

"Every child born of Christian parents an inalienable right to a Christian ucation." No Christian will dare chal- ge this statement, for it is God's clear l that parents and the Church dis- rge their responsibility for providing ective Christian education for our chil- n.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod doing much in Christian education at elementary level. The following en- lment figures of our various educational ncies are evidence for this: Enrollment parochial schools — 87,859 (including azil); enrollment in Sunday schools — 5,979; enrollment in vacation Bible hools — last year approximately 100,000, this year over 150,000. The total participation in our educational agencies at the elementary level rolls up an impressive figure. But — is it satisfactory?

One of the specific goals for Lutheran Education Week 1948 is "Increasing Enrollments in All Agencies." There is no doubt that we can increase the enrollments in every one of our agencies. There is also no doubt that most congregations need to expand their program of Christian education to provide adequate time for Christian education. Every congregation should consider whether or not it is making adequate provision for Christian growth for the children of the Church. Lutheran Education Week provides a convenient opportunity for special consideration of this important problem.

If Christian education is important for our own children, it is not intended only for them. Sometimes the educational directive in the Great Commission is forgotten; this should not be. Sometimes the missionary outreach demanded by the Great Commission is forgotten; this should not be. The Church must give attention to a systematic program of child evangelism. The Sunday school is the chief educational agency for this purpose. There is no reason why we cannot reach an enrollment of 500,000 in Sunday school in the next several years. Lutheran Education Week provides an appropriate occasion to consider the missionary outreach of all educational agencies, and to plan a program to expand the missionary possibilities of all agencies.

Christian Growth for Our Youth and Adults

If the Christian growth of our children is not left to our choice, neither is Christian growth at the levels of youth and adult life. The Apostle Paul admonishes us in Col. 3:16: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." If the Word of Christ is to dwell in us richly during youth and adult life, we must continue the program of Christian education throughout the lifetime of the individual.

The project receiving major attention in the field of youth and adult education is the Bible Study Program. From every District of Synod come enthusiastic reports of participation in this program. More Bible classes are being organized, more teachers are being enlisted and trained, and more congregations are setting up programs to enlist greater participation in Bible classes. Increased Bible study on the part of our members will bring many blessings to the youth and adult members of the Church and will make for more power in the Church.

In addition to the special emphasis given to Bible classes, there has been a growing interest in the development of Lutheran high schools since 1944. In the three-year period from 1944 to 1947 the number of Lutheran high schools increased from six to ten, the enrollment in Lutheran high schools increased from 1,500 to 2,800, and some seventeen other communities report that they are giving consideration to a Lutheran high school. If an effective Christian education in Lutheran elementary schools is important for our children, continued Christian education in Lutheran high schools is a basic requirement of our youth. It is perhaps impossible for every community to have a Lutheran high school, but every congregation must be concerned about providing adequately for the Christian education of their youth.

How Widepsread Is Participation in Lutheran Education Week?

It is impossible to tell in advance the participation in such an activity as Lutheran Education Week. Some indication as to the likely participation this year is given by the figures of the estimated participation in Lutheran Education Week last year. This estimate is based on a detailed study of 617 congregations, representing a sampling of all Districts in the United States and Canada. The congregations were rather evenly divided between congregations with Lutheran elementary schools and those without schools. Both rural and urban congregations were rather equally represented, and an attempt was made to include representative numbers of small, medium-sized, and large congregations. The estimate based on these returns from these 617 congregations shows total participation in Lutheran Education Week last year as follows:

1,100 congregations held special services.
260 congregations with schools conducted "open house."
350 congregations conducted "open house" in Sunday school.
200 congregations held an educational exhibit.

This is an impressive showing of participation in Lutheran Education Week. The Board for Parish Education calls upon all congregations to participate in this special emphasis, publicity, promotion, and recognition of the local program of Christian education. Lutheran Education Week has brought many blessings to the Church through the special emphasis given the cause of parish education. It is our confident hope that Lutheran Education Week 1948 will make a real contribution to the improvement and expansion of our educational program.

"Thou Shalt Know Hereafter"

(John 13:7)

The one word most addressed to God
When faith's bright-glowing flame grows dim,
Is "WHY?" or sometimes too: "WHY NOT?"
How often men thus question Him!

As sometimes children wonder why
Grownups withhold a longed-for treat,
So, often, tear-dimmed eyes can't see
Why God withholds what seems so sweet.

When grown to manhood, children thank
Their parents for the training given;
Once Jesus said: "Ye know not now,
But ye shall understand in heaven."

GERTRUDE E. WARTCHOW

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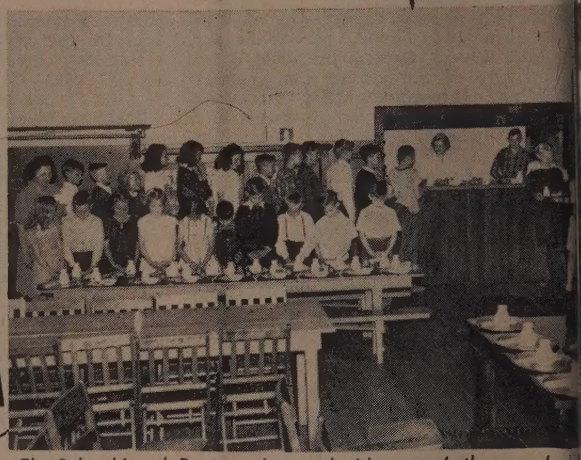
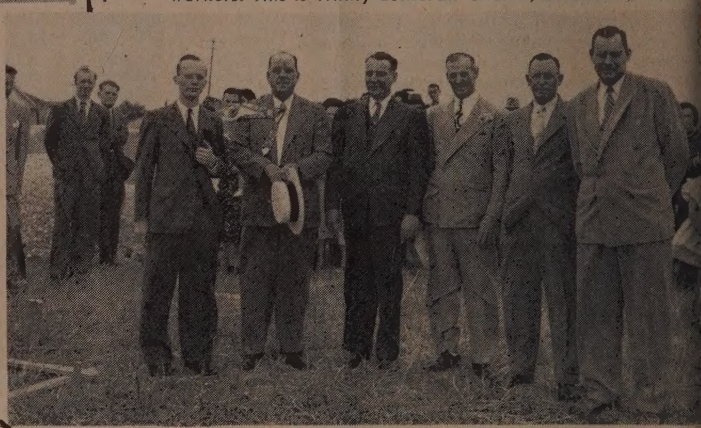
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A science experiment conducted before a class of eighth grade pupils at Trinity Lutheran School, Sheboygan, Wis. Mr. J. Arthur Koss, the instructor, is also principal of the school

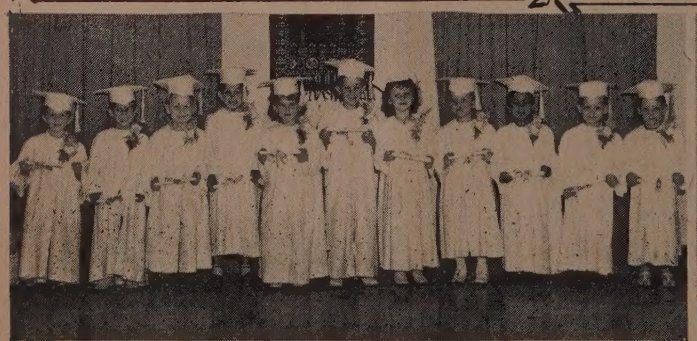


The School Lunch Program is a project in many Lutheran schoo In some instances the Ladies' Aid assumes responsibility for t program; in others, a definite salary is paid to one or ma workers. This is Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

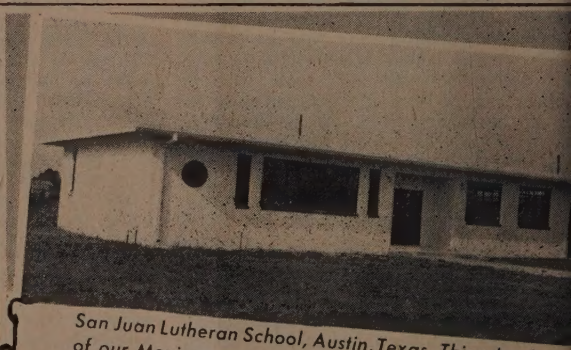
"These benches must be filled." Pastors J. Meyer, B. Frey, O. Waech, and E. Heuer, Secretary of Education of the Eastern District, discussing the opening of the new Central Lutheran School, Buffalo, N. Y.



New school buildings are being erected by many congregations. Typical is this scene at ground-breaking exercises for the Lutheran Elementary School of Zion, Dallas, Texas. Luther Poellot, pastor



These members of a 1948 Kindergarten graduating class are now mature first graders. The children attend Bethlehem-Christ Lutheran School, New Orleans, La.



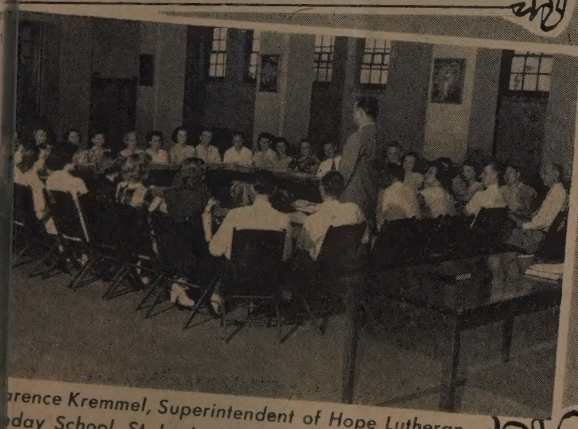
San Juan Lutheran School, Austin, Texas. This school of our Mexican mission opened this year with the pastor, Rev. Theo. W. Schubkegel, as instructor

Christian Education

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS and BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Class Committee of Grace Lutheran Church, innati, Ohio. This committee succeeded in doubling enrollment of their Bible classes in a few months

The Intermediate Class of Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School, Wichita, Kans.



rence Kremmel, Superintendent of Hope Lutheran day School, St. Louis, Mo., introducing social ning with round table and sectional meetings

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Lectures at Christ Lutheran Church, Hickory, N. C. The Rev. Lynn Rittmann, Pastor (seated)

Sunday School Staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mercedes, Texas. Rev. Albert Dundek, instructor

Adult Bible Hour, Immanuel Lutheran Church Twin Falls, Idaho. Rev. R. C. Muhly, Pastor Enrollment: 145

My Father's House

I love the solemn stillness of my Father's house,
The shafts of sunlight through the colored glass,
The quiet steps of men of kindred faith,
Their friendly smiles of recognition as they pass.
I count those moments rich and am content
These are of all life's hours the wisest spent.

I see the quiet strength in feeble frames,
The dauntless courage of these saints who've trod
Life's pilgrim road and now would fain lay down
Their pilgrim staff and be at home with God.
Yes, here like water to parched earth supplied
I find my heart with living water satisfied.

How precious each familiar hymn, so often sung,
How rich with blessing every word we say:
Confession, Creed, Our Father's Prayer, ah, who
Could yet untouched and unrepentant go his way
When every sermon in this dwelling heard
Comes from the Book of Books, yes, God's own Word.

Who has not in some moment dark with grief
Or in an hour filled with dread and fear
Found in this house a refuge from life's storms
And felt the comfort of God's holy presence here.
How sweetly rang the words He spoke, how true:
"Cast all your cares on Me, I'll care for you."

O house of God, may I too rather be
A keeper of Thy doors than that I'd dwell
In mansions beautiful but full of sin
And spend eternity with Satan and his hosts in hell.
Oh, may I ever love Thy dwelling, Lord,
And grant that I may gladly hear and keep Thy Word.

ESTHER A. SCHUMANN

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Treasurer Schlueter

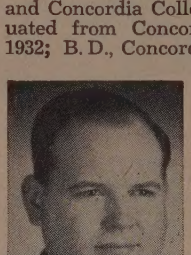
At its last meeting the Board of Directors of Synod took cognizance of the fact that our esteemed and consecrated synodical Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Schlueter of St. Louis, was elected as member of the Board of Directors of Synod twenty-five years ago at the synodical convention in Fort Wayne in 1923. He first served as member of the Committee on Buildings, now known as the Committee on Colleges. He also served at various times as member of the Finance Committee and on the Investment Committee, even before he became Treasurer of Synod. When the Rev. Wm. Hagen retired as member of the Board, Mr. Schlueter became chairman of the Committee on Colleges. Upon the resignation of Dr. E. Seuel as member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of Synod, early in 1942, Mr. Schlueter was appointed in his place for the unexpired term. Synod elected Mr. Schlueter as Treasurer in 1944 and again in 1947.

Recognizing Mr. Schlueter's outstanding qualifications for this office as well as his consecrated and conscientious services, which take up quite much of his time, the Board of Directors passed a suitable resolution taking cognizance of these facts and wishing him God's richest blessings in his labors in the future. We know the members of Synod will join us in this wish and prayer.

M. F. KRETZMANN
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Director of Department of Public Relations

Oswald C. J. Hoffmann was born Dec. 6, 1913, at Snyder, Nebr., the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Hoffmann. Attended Lutheran parish schools in Snyder, Nebr., Springfield, Ill., and Chicago, Ill. High school work at Luther Institute, Chicago, and Concordia College, Milwaukee. Graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, 1932; B. D., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1936; M. A., University of Minnesota, 1935. Instructor at Bethany College, Mankato, Minn., 1936 to 1940. Ordained as pastor of English Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, Minn., 1939. Instructor at University of Minnesota, 1940—1941. Started Lutheran campus services at University Chapel in 1940. Professor of Greek and Latin and Director of Publicity and Promotion at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., 1941—1948. Member American Philological Association, American College Publicity Association. Assisted in organizing and promoting a number of campaigns, among them fund-raising efforts for Concordia Collegiate Institute and Chicago High School Association. Member of Board of Directors and Chairman, Tract Committee, American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. Member of editorial staff, *American Lutheran*. Summer speaker, International Lutheran Hour, 1948.



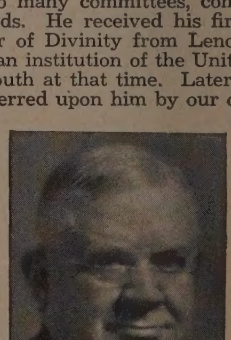
Professor O. C. J. Hoffmann

In Memoriam

Dr. Henry Bernard Hemmeter died in Baltimore, the city of his birth, on Thursday, July 22, at the age of 78 years. He suffered a stroke the previous Sunday, while waiting to be taken to church. Rev. R. S. Ressmeyer based his funeral address on a most appropriate text: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" 2 Sam. 3:38. Dr. Hemmeter was an outstanding man, highly endowed by God. He had one of the keenest minds I have come in contact with, and they are not a few in my many years. He saw things in a broad light and did things in a courageous way. He had little patience with timidity in the Lord's work. "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God," was his motto.

He was a preacher of force and conviction. He often reached a high degree of impressive appeal. He filled many portant places. His first pastorate wa the Church of Our Savior (formerly J son Square Church), a congregatio Baltimore newly organized by Dr. H mann. To Baltimore must go the g of being the first city to have two of English congregations. As pastor of church he became a member of the fo English Synod and soon became one o outstanding leaders. From there he called to the pulpit of St. Andrew's Pittsburgh. During this time he was manager of the Lutheran Publica Board of the English Synod. Dr. H meter had definite executive abili Twice he was president of Concordia lege, Conover. He went back a se time to Pittsburgh to become pasto Trinity Church. He was also pasto Bethlehem Church in St. Louis and pa of St. Matthew's Church, Rochester, In 1936 he became president of Conco Seminary, Springfield, Ill., a positio held for eight years. Some of these pl presented serious problems. Dr. H meter was not the man to be intimid by difficulties. The impact of his was fruitful even for future years.

His serious countenance and heavy masked his kindly heart and his syn thetic nature. He was given to hospita as many who enjoyed it well know. table had many guests. He enjoyed c pany, and so did his faithful devoted Because he was well read, he was at h on many subjects and was an exce conversationalist. He had a forward and was a progressive to the end of life. Before preparing for the holy m istry, he had studied law and was ployed in a law office of Baltimore, Later on the knowledge and experi thus gained stood him in good stead w he occupied a number of executive p tions. These abilities of his were re nized in Synod. He was appointe elected to many committees, commiss and boards. He received his first de of Doctor of Divinity from Lenoir-Rh College, an institution of the United Sy of the South at that time. Later this was conferred upon him by our own C



Dr. Henry Bernhard Hemmeter

cordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and Valparaiso University he received LL. D. degree. Yet he remained hu before God and gave to Him all glory tributing the fruits of his labors to G abundant blessing alone.

He married Miss Anna Heitmuelle Christ Church, Washington, D. C., died about two years ago. His se marriage was to Mrs. Oswald Kreinh

urvives him together with his son, rd Hemmeter, pastor of Mount Olive h, Chicago, and five daughters. His enry Hemmeter was a chaplain in .S. Army in the last war and died ospital in New Guinea. The remains s son were brought to Chicago for nent. In addition to him, three ters preceded Dr. Hemmeter to the h Triumphant.

the request of the family the funeral es were extremely simple. Pastor Spilman read the liturgical part of rvices. Dr. Arthur Brunn had been sted to come, but because of an im- nt funeral in his congregation found possible to do so. The official con- ces of Synod were expressed in a am from Vice-President Harms. rdia Seminary of Springfield, Ill., epresented by Prof. Martin Coyner, pointed to the high regard in which emmeter was held by the faculty and minent service which he had ren- to the seminary as its president. Board of Directors was represented e presence of Mr. W. J. Boehne at the al. A large number of our clergy ded the funeral. John 11:25.

J. FREDERIC WENCHEL

m a European Notebook

r the visitor to Europe during 1948 are many reasons why he will feel ve of fervent gratitude when he sees ty Statue again, but there are a few s he will hope America will learn from Europe. Imagine the most- led vacation land in the world — erland — with not a single highway advertising soaps, cigarettes, swim and gasolines against the back- nd of the High Alps! Imagine hear- Scarlatti fugue for harpsichord and ies of Schubert *Lieder* any time of day, newscasts without the comment nniscient interpreters (actually cred- you with enough brains to do your interpreting), stopping to advertise — nless shaving cream — in fact, not a e "sponsored" broadcast in all Europe, inging commercials (the final abom- on) — too good to be true. Only O of St. Louis, Missouri Synod, has standards, I believe. . . . One little e theater operating in this, the great- ourist center in Switzerland. But six ight first-class bookstores. . . . We our Synod news by air-mail edition e LUTHERAN WITNESS. Congratulations e Board of Public Relations for get- organized with offices in New York Washington, and with "Ozzie" Hoff- n as executive secretary. . . . Don't religion is dead in Central Europe. Hermannsburg, Germany, 16,000 Lu- ans attended a mission festival, 9 A.M. 30 P.M. The spirit of Claus Harms lives. . . . Story told by a Breslau d minister whose son had owned a estate in Silesia (700 morgen of choice), fled before the Russians, owning seven horses, starts a new farm, soon in a home once owned by Rudolf ; supplies the Munich zoo with feed, house taken over by U.S. Military on t, he moves into the "Schildkroeten- erwinterungskeller"* in the "grosse Elefantenhaus," but is going ahead for a new independence, at 54. . . . The story of the flight of populations — millions in Russia fleeing before Hitler, millions of Bessarabians, Hungarians, Poles, Czechs, Silesians, fleeing before the Russians — can never be told. Today, three years after the end of hostilities, millions are still homeless, not to speak of the prisoners held by Russia and France. The record of U.S. and England shines like 24 k. gold by comparison. . . . *"Search-service"* is the heading of columns in German newspapers. Here is a list of 305 families from a small town (Teplitz) in Bessarabia (German colonists), who have disappeared. Nine sisters (deaconesses) who vanished three years ago from the mother house in Sarata. . . . At the railroad station in Stuttgart again the square yards of posters with pictures and descriptions of men taken into Russia. "Will they keep this up, now that years have gone by since there was war?" I asked Dr. Sklener (a Czech, himself now without a country), and he said: "They will keep it up ten years and longer. Twenty years after the First War entire squads were returned from a town in Siberia, so far away, they did not know in 1938 that the war was over! The wives of many had married again, and had children. What a problem!" . . . Down in Milan, Toscanini had just conducted from memory two operas of Boito at La Scala before a house of 3,000 admirers, who cheered him to the echo. Toscanini is 81.

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* Cellar used as winter quarters for turtles he zoo.

New Church and Parish Hall Dedicated at Chicago

An attendance of some 2,400 people took part in the three services in which the recently completed church and parish hall of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Bethany were dedicated to the service of God. The pastor of the congregation spoke in the main dedicatory service in the morning, and Pastor Ernest T. Lange of Elmhurst, Ill., delivered the message in the dedicatory vesper service. For the evening a dedicatory sacred concert had been arranged.

The building is of English Gothic architecture, 100 feet x 35 feet. The exterior is Wisconsin Lannon stone. The interior is faced with Dunbar pressed cement brick, with mingled shades of buff and brown. The Italian marble altar, with a Mexican transparent onyx cross, is illuminated by a neon light. The chancel window portrays the Holy Trinity: the creative hand as the Father, the lamb as the Son of God, and the dove as the Holy Spirit. Various symbols depicting the life of the Redeemer adorn the window. On it also appears for the first time The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod centennial emblem done in art glass. The church seats 340.

A forty-nine foot tower joins the parish hall, 60 feet x 35 feet, to the church proper. The parish hall, intended for the use of the Sunday school, but also providing facilities for social functions of various groups within the church, can seat approximately 320 people and is separated from the church by folding doors. Unique are eight windows of the parish hall which symbolize the Lord's Prayer in art glass. They follow the designs originated by Pastor Luther Schuessler of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., and carved in wood by Mr. John Torell, Swedish-American artist.

The total cost of the congregation's building project is estimated at $116,000. PAUL J. ROEDER

The Ev. Lutheran Church of Bethany, Chicago, Ill.

Southern California District Convention

The thirteenth convention of the Southern California District was held June 27 — July 1 at Grace Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. At the opening service the Rev. W. F. Lichtsinn, Vice-President of Synod, preached the sermon and during the convention sessions reported on the many phases of Synod's work.

District President Walter F. Troeger, in his opening address, called attention to the challenging mission opportunities in this District. He reported that during the past six years the District has enjoyed a growth of better than 70 per cent — almost double the percentage of increase in population for the same period.

Twelve new congregations, 17 pastors, and 13 teachers were received into membership with the District.

The convention essay was presented by Prof. Theo. Hoyer, D. D., of Concordia Seminary.

Reports on the various activities of the District reflect encouraging progress. The District purchased a permanent office building, representing an investment of $21,000; engaged two full-time office clerks; acquired four surplus Army buildings for use in new mission fields; increased the salaries of missionaries and District workers; through its Extension Department provided funds and assisted in acquiring property and necessary buildings in various fields; engaged another worker to assist the two full-time institutional pastors; acquired a chapel for the Santa Ana Mexican mission.

During the past two years seven new day schools and eight additional classrooms were opened; the District radio program, with an estimated audience of 50,000, met its budget (exceeding $16,000) during the past year without District aid: the number of LUTHERAN WITNESS subscribers has exceeded 10,000; the Lutheran course at the University of Southern California enjoyed an attendance of from 20 to 26 students.

After having served the District faithfully as President, Pastor W. F. Troeger declined to be a candidate for re-election. Election results were: District President, Pastor Armand E. Mueller; First and Second Vice-Presidents respectively, Pastors C. Damschroeder and E. Kreidt; Secretary, Pastor L. E. Eifert; Treasurer, Mr. P. M. Long; Board Members, Mr. F. Gerdes and Mr. G. Elser; Mission Board Chairman, Pastor R. G. Finke.

E. ATROPS

Eastern District Convention

The sixty-seventh convention of the Eastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was held at Camp Pioneer, near Angola, N. Y., beginning with an open-air service in the "chapel-of-the-woods" Monday evening, June 21, and closing Friday noon, June 25. Dr. John H. C. Fritz, representing Dr. J. W. Behnken, preached in the opening service.

There were 184 accredited delegates in attendance, including 102 pastors and 82 lay delegates. The advisory pastors, school teachers, and registered visitors brought the total to 227.

In his opening address Dr. C. A. Behnke, District President, pointed out that the East is no longer to be regarded as a *verlorner Posten*, as if there were no hope for the growth of God's kingdom here.

Dr. Fritz, in his daily news of synodical affairs, emphasized how the work of our Church has expanded on a tremendously large scale and showed that our people have the material means to meet the financial needs of this expansion.

New congregations received into membership at this convention were Hope at Niagara Falls, N. Y.; the Lutheran Mission at Amherst, N. Y.; Our Savior at Buffalo; and St. Philips at Philadelphia. The latter two are colored congregations. At this convention it was decided to assume full responsibility for all Negro work within the District.

The essayist, the Rev. William Drews, District Executive Secretary, presented a paper on the subject: "Christian Economics in the New Testament," in which he discussed some of the principles of Christian stewardship.

President C. A. Behnke, First Vice-President A. F. Krueger, Second Vice-President E. F. Brand, and Secretary M. Mueller were all re-elected for another triennium. The Treasurer, Mr. Charles Hickman and the Financial Secretary, Mr. H. Arthur Engelbert, were also re-elected on the first ballot.

The Mission Board reported that since the last convention the following congregations had become self-sustaining: Trinity, Syracuse, N. Y.; Grace, Hopbottom, Pa.; and St. John's, Youngtown, N. Y. The annual operating budget of the Board is $45,000. Twenty-four mission congregations received subsidy during the past year. The Board for Parish Education reported that two new schools are to be opened in the fall, one at North Ridge, N. Y., and the other a consolidated school at Buffalo.

Chaplain Martin Scharlemann of Carlysle Barracks, Pa., enlightened the convention on the fact that two of the five instructors at Carlysle, where all chaplains of the U. S. Army receive a period of training, are Missouri Synod Lutheran chaplains. Other visitors at the convention were Mr. Herbert Thien, who spoke on behalf of the European Mission Board and also pleaded the cause of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc. President Arthur J. Doege spoke in the interest of Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y. Pastor John Westerman represented KFUO, and Pastor E. J. Saleska Concordia Publishing House.

The sincere thanks of the convention went to the Western New York District of the Lutheran Laymen's League and to Pastor E. Heuer, director of Camp Pioneer, who were hosts to the convention.

THEO. KOHLMEIER

DEATH NOTICE

Pastor E. H. C. Mueller, Janesville, Minn., passed away Aug. 21, the day before his golden jubilee. REV. H. C. MUELLER

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, R. 1, Ray, Ind.

The Rev. Philip H. Bohn (d. June 1948), born Aug. 14, 1878, at Rogers C Mich., son of the Rev. Joseph and Am Bohn, received his ministerial trainin Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and C cordia Seminary at St. Louis. He ser at Edgerton, Ohio, 1902—1905, when he cepted a call to labor in the Conco Mission Field (Detroit), where he ser for nearly 43 years.

He served on the Board of the theran Institute for the Deaf for a pe of 25 years.

On May 7, 1903, he was married Flora Pfeiffer of Fort Wayne, Ind. H survived by his widow, six sons, and daughter, two brothers, and nine gra children.

He passed away suddenly on June while making a call on a parishioner a having attended the annual meeting of Institute for the Deaf. He attained the of 69 years, 10 months, and 2 days.

Funeral services were held on June at Concordia Church. The Rev. Car Nietzke, with whom he was associ since October, 1946, officiated at the fun home. The Rev. G. Krach delivered sermon at the church, and the Rev Fackler officiated at the grave.

CARL E. NIETZK

The Rev. Henry Herman Feiertag June 25, 1948), son of the Rev. John Feiertag and Anna, nee Bever, was in Aurora, Ill., July 19, 1878. He trained for the holy ministry at Conco College, Milwaukee, and Concordia Se nary, St. Louis, graduating in the 1903.

He was called to North Dakota pioneer missionary, taking his resid at the town of Underwood, from wher served a number of preaching places, small folding organ used in serving early mission stations he retained cherished memory of this first phas his service for Christ. It still graced study at the time of his passing.

In 1906 he accepted a call to Fe Falls, Minn., and also served Pommedet and Fox Home, Minn. While at Fe Falls he taught Ancient History fo time at Park Regent College. During pastorate at Fergus Falls he was mar to Frieda K. Mueller in Forest Park, July 18, 1907. Five children were to this union.

After ten years of service in Fe Falls, he was called as chaplain and su intendent of the Lutheran Sanatoriu Wheat Ridge, Colo. God blessed his work at the Lutheran Sanatorium abundantly. The institution grew a small tent colony to a modern s torium of superb rating under his guid and direction. While his tasks there exacting and strenuous, he also found to serve the Colorado District in var important capacities: as Visitor, as ch man of the District Mission Board, member of the Board of Christian E cation, and on the Church Exten Board. He delivered two essays at C rado District conventions. During

intendency at the Sanatorium he the *Sanitorium Review*, which popular acceptance throughout our l. He loved the young people of hurch and served as president of the Mountain District, as dean of the Mountain Walther League Summer , and as a member of the Inter- ial Walther League Executive Com- e. Under God, the credit for building e Lutheran Sanatorium to what it ay goes to Reverend Feiertag's un- efforts during the twenty-three of his superintendency. In all his his faithful spouse, Frieda, was a nt inspiration and helpmeet.

ter his retirement as superintendent e Lutheran Sanatorium in 1939, he at Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, till 1943. During this time God gave renewed strength so that he could eight vacancies in and around Los les. Since the summer of 1945 he d as assistant to the pastor at Trinity ch, Los Angeles, Calif.

preached his last sermon in the t of Trinity Church on the evening scension Day on the text Mark 16: . Failing in physical strength, he nted to see his physician on May 11. disease was diagnosed as cancer. inal bronchial pneumonia set in on fternoon of June 24. He died the ving day at the age of 69 years, onths, and 6 days.

e is survived by his wife, Frieda; children, of whom one, the Rev. John tag, is pastor at Chinook, Mont.; also sisters, two brothers, and eleven children.

uneral services were held at Trinity ch, Los Angeles, on June 29, and were ded by many brethren in the ministry, laymen as well, since the sessions of Southern California District were be- eld in Los Angeles. The sermon was ered by Prof. Theodore Hoyer, D. D., rmer associate in Denver and a close devoted friend. Dr. Hoyer based his s on 2 Tim. 4:6-8. Rev. Im. F. Hodde, r of Trinity Church, Los Angeles, whom the deceased last served as tant, was liturgist and also officiated e committal in beautiful Forest Lawn orial Park at Glendale, Calif., where body was laid to rest to await the rrection morn. IM. F. HODDE

he Rev. Adolph Kuring, Ph. D. (died 1, 1948), son of August and Therese ng, was born Nov. 30, 1862, in Gotha, ringia, Germany. Having completed years of study at the theological nary in Kroop, Germany, he entered cordia Seminary, St. Louis, and grad- d in 1892. He first served a number ission stations in northern Minnesota, a church at Colby, Wis., then a regation in Laurium, Mich. During ave of absence he studied at Chicago versity and at the same time assisted Rev. Anton Wagner at Zion Church, and Peoria. When the latter resigned 909, he was called to succeed him. In the University of Chicago granted the Doctor of Philosophy degree. In , having completed fifty years of serv- in the ministry and finding that his e was no longer strong enough for ching in a large church, he resigned. e 1940 Dr. Kuring has assisted at her Institute, teaching Latin and Greek he close of the school year just ended. Upon his resignation as pastor of Zion Church he became a member of St. Mark's, Chicago, where he still assisted occasionally at the celebration of Holy Communion. After Easter an aggravated heart condition made itself felt, and on June 13, having attended church in the morning, he was hospitalized and fell asleep in his Savior at the age of 85 years.

In 1894 he married Elizabeth Naumann of Dresden, Germany. She preceded him in death nine years ago. Surviving are five children, among whom is the Rev. Henry Kuring of Kulm, N. Dak.; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held in St. Mark's Church, Chicago, on July 6. The undersigned officiated, preaching on 1 Cor. 15:10a. President Carl Meyer spoke in behalf of Luther Institute. Interment was made in Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. WALDEMAR M. ROTH

The Rev. William Joseph Schulz, em. (d. July 10, 1948), born June 27, 1873, in New Bergholz, N. Y. In 1893 he entered the Seminary in Springfield, Ill., and was graduated in 1899. He served the congregation in Diggins, Mo., and later congregations at the following places: Kurreville, Mo., Ogallala and Wausau, Nebr.

He resigned from the ministry on account of ill health in October, 1926, and returned to his home in Pekin, N. Y. He was married in 1903 to Emilie Hopfer. Their union was blessed with 7 sons and five daughters. Mrs. Schulz died in 1941. While living with his daughter in Buffalo, N. Y., he joined Emmaus Lutheran Church. He became ill on May 28, developed an embolism, and suffered patiently until the Lord called him home on July 10. He was buried from Emmaus Church on July 13. He was a regular attendant at synodical sessions of the Eastern District, and he enjoyed the respect of all who came in contact with him. Upon his request the undersigned preached on 1 Tim. 1:15. The Rev. Walter Koenig officiated at the cemetery in Pekin, N. Y. He is survived by 10 children and 13 grandchildren. Well done, thou good and faithful servant! E. E. MUELLER

The Rev. Christian Braeunig, em., died on Aug. 9, 1948, and was buried on Aug. 12, 1948. He was born on Feb. 24, 1873, at Maroldsweisach, Bavaria, Germany, the son of Peter Braeunig and Katherine, nee Diener. He came to America in 1891. After the completion of his theological training at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., he was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Yates Township, near Chenoa, Ill., on Aug. 3, 1902, by Prof. F. Streckfuss. On Sept. 22, 1907, he was installed at St. John's Church, Buckley, Ill., where he served for thirty-five years. On July 28, 1942, he tendered his resignation because of illness.

He was united in marriage with Lydia Linse on Feb. 19, 1903, at Modena, Wis. God blessed this union with two daughters and six sons. One son preceded him in death. Another son, Lothar, is pastor at Knoxville, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, five sons, thirteen grandchildren, and two sisters.

The funeral service was conducted on Aug. 12, 1948, in St. John's Church, Buckley. The Rev. A. C. Bernthal, President of the Central Illinois District, delivered the sermon on Ps. 61:4-5, the text selected by the deceased. The undersigned officiated as liturgist. The committal service at St. John's Cemetery was read by the Rev. B. F. Prange of Watseka. Phil. 1:21.
E. M. GOLTERMANN

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Luther, Man of God. Reformation Day Program. By Edgar J. Mundinger. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 5 cents each, postpaid; 50 cents per dozen, plus postage; $3.50 per hundred, plus postage.

This is a program for the Sunday school's or school's Reformation Festival. The blessed and effective teaching of the Lutheran Church is emphasized in question and answer, hymns and history. It's a good book. M. S. S.

The Hope of Tomorrow. A Rally Day Program. By Allan H. Jahsmann. Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis 18, Mo. 8 cents each, postpaid; 72 cents per dozen, plus postage; $5.00 per hundred, plus postage.

The make-up and content of this program are both excellent. The musical setting for the hymns is supplied.
M. S. S.

Portals of Prayer No. 85. Daily Devotions from Aug. 21 to Oct. 7, 1948.

Sing unto the Lord. By John Schuelke. **Psalter und Harfe.** By A. H. Lange. Single copy, 10 cents, postpaid.

These booklets supply a real want. The happy selection of appropriate hymn stanzas for each day in the English booklet will be gratefully appreciated. M. S. S.

The Lutheran Church and the Negro. By Dr. John H. C. Fritz. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 6 cents, postpaid.

This is a small tract but of vital importance to both white and Negro Christians. Both Scriptural teaching and the realities of life and society today are here given their day. Remember, on this question also we dare not forget the difference between "should be" and "is." M. S. S.

A Brief History of the Southern Nebraska District, 1922—1947. By A. F. Wegener. 108 pages, 6¼×9¼. $1.50. To be obtained from Rev. A. A. Schormann, 221 E. Seward St., Seward, Nebr.

This history of the Southern Nebraska District is well written, richly illustrated, and statistically correct. The whole is another illustration of the Parable of the Mustard Seed. On page 62 you may behold a miserable little shack, the first building occupied by the Church of Zion at Lincoln Creek. On the opposite page you see the magnificent cathedral-like present church-building. No doubt, other Districts will publish such histories. S.

Christ in the Psalms. By William L. Pettingill. 144 pages, 5½×7¾. Fundamental Truth Publishers, Findlay, Ohio. $1.50.

While accepting the great doctrines of evangelical Christianity, the author shows himself a Fundamentalist in his piecemeal exegesis which ignores the context of citations and quotes any given text if it contains any phraseology or suggestion which may be construed in support of his millennialist views. "Hell" is incorrectly rendered "Hades," and "Our Lord did not descend 'into hell,' the so-called Apostles' Creed to the contrary notwithstanding" (p. 36). The book cannot be recommended to our readers.

R. A. Ritz, Lester Prairie, Minn.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Buszin

Fughettas (Op. 123 a, Books I and II; op. 123 b, Books I and II). By Josef Rheinberger. Edited by W. S. Lloyd Webber. $1.00 per book.

The organ music of Rheinberger, like that of F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, is coming back. For a time the music of these two composers of the 19th century was ignored and not heard. The compositions found in the present four books are objective and wholesome; they lack the charm of Mendelssohn, but for this very reason are also, perhaps, better suited for use in the church service. Most of the fughettas are no more than two pages long; they are of medium difficulty and represent the tonalities most widely used in the church service. Because of their usefulness, Hinrichsen Edition (England) is to be commended for making them available.

Index to Hymn Preludes. Compiled by Martin Stellhorn. $2.00.

This *Index* should be used by every Lutheran church organist. Hymn preludes are, ordinarily, to be preferred to other types of organ music in the church service. Though they are called *preludes*, they may be used also as voluntaries and postludes. Mr. Stellhorn uses the name *hymn preludes* rather freely, as he must, and includes under this designation also postludes, voluntaries, paraphrases, variations, and improvisations. The preludes are listed alphabetically; their key, grade of difficulty, number of pages and staves, and their publisher are likewise listed. If found in a collection, the title of the collection is given. Every organist knows that more time is often required to find the proper music for a service than for practice purposes. Mr. Stellhorn's *Index* is a great time saver and should be welcomed by organists. Several nationally known organists have already expressed their appreciation to Mr. Stellhorn and Concordia Publishing House for making this *Index* available. Later editions will, likely, include compositions omitted in the present edition.

Prelude-Toccata on "With the Lord Begin Thy Task." By Martin Stellhorn. 60 cents.

This composition of medium difficulty is based on the chorale *Fang dein Werk mit Jesu an* and was dedicated by the composer to Concordia Seminary, where he has served repeatedly as guest organist and instructor. The chorale is used as *cantus firmus* both in the soprano and in the bass-pedal parts. It is written in a toccata style not uncommon in our day.

Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes. By Marcel Dupré. $1.75 net.

These preludes, all written on two staves, will be welcomed by those who use organ music based on plain song. Mr. Dupré remains rather conservative in these preludes, though two or three are sparkling little toccatas. Several are based on texts which we, as Lutherans, cannot use and accept.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained:

Spiekermann, Victor, in Immanuel Church, Frankentrost, Mich., by Pres. A. Zeile, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Meyer, Richard, in Ebenezer Church, St. Louis, Mo., as missionary to China by O. H. Schmidt, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Stark, Willard, in Ebenezer Church, Cherokee, Okla., as missionary in Oklahoma District by John F. Schulz, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Ordained and Installed:

Beck, Ernest A., ordained in Tabor Church, Detroit, Mich., by Geo. P. Hildner, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27, and installed in Christ Congregation, Tulia, Tex., by Martin J. Hartenberger 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Bergmann, David P., in Zion Congregation, Red Cloud, Nebr., by Paul G. Bergmann, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Cash, Eric, ordained in Concordia Church, Maplewood, Mo., by E. H. Schroeder, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27, and installed in St. John's Congregation, St. Johns, Mich., by A. R. Nuechterlein, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Claasen, Donald, in Zion Congregation, Garvey, Calif., by Richard T. Deffner, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Friederichs, William, in Grace Congregation, Three Forks, Mont., by O. Misch, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Hillmer, Vernon W., in Grace Congregation, Burlingame, Calif., by Albert R. Kurtz, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Hopmann, Roland A., in Zion Congregation, Presho, St Paul's Congregation, Draper, and in Messiah Congregation, Murdo, S. Dak., by Clarence W. Rabe, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Kittermann, Henry O., in Our Redeemer Congregation, Kinsley, Kans., by H. W. E. Buss, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Mentz, Marlin, ordained in Holy Cross Church, Minneapolis, Minn., by Carl J. Hoffmann, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18, and installed in Trinity Congregation, Gadsden, Ala., by Arthur E. Graf, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Meyer, Merlin C., ordained in Zion Church, Osceola, Wis., by Louis W. Meyer, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13, and installed in Holy Trinity Congregation, Okauchee, Wis., by E. H. Schmidt, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Ricker, John, in St. John's Congregation, Hooker, Okla., by Robert E. Meier, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Stirdivant, David, in Our Savior Congregation (Spanish), Santa Ana, Calif., by E. Riedel, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Thies, Gerard, in Grace Congregation, Wilmington, Ill., by C. F. Dankworth, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Zeile, Erhard A., in St. John's Congregation, Burr Oak, Mich., by C. A. Rook, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Bollow, Hans, in St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, La., as missionary for the deaf in the Southern District, by Francis G. Gyle, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Geerdes, Bernard, in St. John's Church, S bluff, Nebr., as missionary for the Me and Spanish people, by Geo. V. Webe Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Installed:

Bahr, O., in Trinity Congregation, La G Tex., by H. A. Traugott, 10. Sun. Aug. 1.

Bentrup, Edmund A., as associate past Bethlehem Congregation, Annandale, by Herman E. Bentrup, 11. Sun. Aug. 8.

Etzold, Herman A., in St. Stephen's Con tion, St. Louis, Mo., by E. J. Saleska, 10 p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Fisher, George T., in Grace Congregation ning, Calif., by R. Elmer Gunther, 6 p. Tr., July 4.

Ott, John W., as second pastor of Holy Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by Paul K 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Rehkopf, George W., in the Mission Con tion at Royal Oak, Mich., by Victor F both, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Seeliger, W. G., in Grace Congregation, Center, and in St. John's Congregation, River Falls, Wis., by C. L. Thalacke Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Twietmeyer, Arvin, in Trinity Congre Birmingham, Ala., by Hans Reuter, 11 p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Van, Fred W., in Hope Congregation, Niagara Falls, N. Y., by G. F. Hoyer, 10 p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Walter, Alvin A., in Zion Congregation, smith, Tex., by Arthur P. H. Koehler, 11 p. Tr., Aug. 8.

TEACHERS

Installed:

Denninger, William O., in Ascension C gation, St. Louis, Mo., by E. V. Oelsch 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Haase, Erich, in Peace Congregation, Cl Ill., by Herman M. Bauer, August 11.

Harms, Louis O., in St. Luke's Congre Cleveland, Ohio, by G. R. Naumann, 8 p. Tr., July 18.

Hutfilz, C. M., in St. Paul's Congregation rora, Ill., by W. G. Stallmann, 11. Sun. Aug. 8.

Lassanske, Roland R., in St. Paul's Con tion, Harlingen, Tex., by Eric E. W 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

Lorenz, Donald, in Trinity Congregatio Lauderdale, Fla., by Dallas Gibson, 10 p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Pfitzer, John C., in Peace Congregation, I Mo., by H. G. Johnson, 10. Sun. p. Tr.,

Rogahn, Carl, in Immanuel Congregatio Olive, Ill., by E. Widenhoefer, 11. Sun. Aug. 8.

Rutz, Arthur, in Immanuel Congregation tus, Mo., by Wm. C. Pebler, 10. Sun. Aug. 1.

Schatz, Dearle C., in St. Paul's Congre Topeka, Kans., by Otto B. Hussman Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Schlieske, M. C., in St. John's Congre Salt Lake City, Utah, by R. E. Schu Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 15.

Stohs, George F., in St. Peter's Congre St. Peter, Ill., by F. J. Duecker, 11. S Tr., Aug. 8.

Wendt, Fred N., in Calvary Congregation, Mich., by Osborn J. Reeb, 11. Sun. Aug. 8.

Cornerstone Laying

Brawley, Calif. Trinity Congregation (R Gesch) for a new church, 4. Sun. June 20.

Merrill, Wis. (10 mi. E.). St. Matthew's gregation (Harold Krenz) for a new 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Millington, Mich. St. Paul's Congregatio Ferber) for a new school, 8. Sun. July 18.

St. Louis, Mo. St. John's Congregation H. Hansen) for a new church, 8. Sun. July 18.

Dedications

Brawley, Calif. The new parsonage of Congregation (Roy G. Gesch), 9. Sun. July 25.

Cedar Lake, Ind. The new church of Congregation (Wm. J. Schepman), 12 p. Tr., Aug. 15.

Columbus, Ind. The new church of St. Congregation (E. O. Metzdorf), 11. S Tr., Aug. 8.

Drayton, N. Dak. The relocated and rem church and chimes of Trinity Congre (H. Michels), 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Duluth, Minn. The new chapel and or Grace Congregation (H. A. Wood), Sun., May 2.

Enid, Okla. The new organ of Redeeme gregation (H. C. Wendler), 12. Sun. Aug. 15.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1948, to July 31, 1948

Districts	Budget Accounts
lberta and Br. Columbia	$ 2,836.39
rgentina	62.00
tlantic	26,387.61
razil	—
alifornia and Nevada	6,086.98
entral	126,191.88
entral Illinois	40,077.96
olorado	4,326.86
astern	31,537.72
nglish	65,825.83
orida-Georgia	2,526.91
wa-East	19,500.00
13. Iowa-West	56,616.39
14. Kansas	17,980.02
15. Manitoba & Saskatchewan	1,058.10
16. Michigan	124,533.07
17. Minnesota	82,481.83
18. Montana	1,613.07
19. North Dakota	6,396.81
20. North Wisconsin	40,577.44
21. Northern Illinois	127,156.52
22. Northern Nebraska	16,549.22
23. Oklahoma	3,557.11
24. Ontario	9,126.28
25. Oregon and Washington	10,015.27
26. South Dakota	5,448.61
27. South Wisconsin	87,524.06
28. Southeastern	10,490.32
29. Southern	7,966.09
30. Southern California	6,546.06
31. Southern Illinois	23,251.59
32. Southern Nebraska	20,306.49
33. Texas	9,983.15
34. Western	97,074.52
Total from Districts	$1,091,612.16
From L. L. L. Endowment Fd.	26,575.48
From Other Sources	5,171.00
GRAND TOTAL	$1,123,358.64

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Assistant Treasurer*

, Wis. The new organ of Immanuel Congation (J. R. Westphal), 10. Sun. p. Tr., . 1.

, Mo. The enlarged church building of nezer Congregation (F. L. Mahnken), 2. . p. Tr., June 6.

ond Heights, Mo. The new chapel of her Memorial Congregation (Albert A. nke), 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

ide, Ill. The new parsonage of Ascen- Congregation (Arthur A. Yoss), 10. Sun. Tr., Aug. 1.

iego, Calif. The new church and parish of Peace Congregation (Victor Herrn), 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

Tex. The new organ of Trinity Congreon (O. C. Schreiner), 8. Sun. p. Tr., y 18.

am, Minn. The new organ of Trinity gregation (C. F. Knauft), 9. Sun. p. Tr., y 25.

, Tex. The new church of Holy Cross gregation (Paul C. Eifert), 9. Sun. p. Tr., y 25.

Anniversaries

(25th, 50th, 75th, 100th)

ers, Ill. Zion Congregation (T. Teyler) 75th, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

, Ill. St. John's Congregation (O. H. edrichsmeyer) the 100th, 9. Sun. p. Tr., y 25, also special services July 28, 30, and . 1.

, Tex. Holy Cross Congregation (Paul Eifert) the 75th, 9. Sun. p. Trin., July 25.

he Midwest Institutional Pastors' Conference

neet at St. John's Lutheran Church, Forest Ill., Sept. 28—29. Opening session 9:30 Essays: Law and Gospel (continued), M. Ilse, Sr.; Organization of Full-Time Part-Time Institutional Pastors in the Dis- Rev. A. H. Semmann; Clinical Training, Edw. J. Mahnke; Peculiar Characteristics rmons and Addresses Made in Public Inions, Rev. J. Bertram; Requisites of an utional Chaplain, Panel Discussion; Min- Requirements for Baptism and Holy nunion, Rev. Theo. Dierks, Th. D.; Sympology of Mental Diseases, Rev. Chr. Adam. missionaries and chaplains are requested nounce their intended presence to Rev. Greve, 12503 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue d, Ill. Lodging will be provided. — NNER, *Secretary.*

egistration for Graduate Studies at Concordia Seminary

take place on Wednesday, Sept. 15, and sday, Sept. 16. A variety of advanced and ilating courses will again be offered in all rtments of theology, leading to the usual emic and theological degrees, including the rate. Pastors who desire to acquire the and B. D. degrees will be given the opporty to do so.

r further information write to THE GRADSCHOOL, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis 5.

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w address: Board of Support and Pensions, Woodstock St., Crystal Lake, Ill.

Announcement

stor C. L. Schultz has been appointed Vis- of the North Circuit in the place of Pastor G. Barth, who has left the District. — HOYER, *President of the Oklahoma District.*

Notice

Fredrick C. Pudsell, heretofore a pastor of Synod, has severed his connections with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. He is not eligible for a call. — A. H. WERFELMANN, *President;* ARTHUR A. BRAUER, *First Vice-President;* THEO. F. NICKEL, *Second Vice-President.*

Available

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Craig, Mo., offers as a gift to any mission church of the Synodical Conference 21 *pews* (10½ ft.), *altar, pulpit,* and *baptismal font,* all in good condition. Address inquiries to REV. W. C. LOHMEYER, R. 2, Craig, Mo.

A beautiful white *pulpit* will be given to any congregation which is willing to pay the freight. For particulars address REV. W. KLATTENHOFF, Greenleaf, Kans.

Request

Anyone knowing of Lutherans living in or near Casey, Marshall, Martinsville, Greenup, or Newton, Ill., please contact REV. OSCAR GERKEN, Box 218, Casey, Ill.

Wanted

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, newly organized mission congregation at Thermopolis, Wyo., is completing its church building and needs: *altar, lectern, pulpit, pews,* and *altar cloths.* Anyone able to donate any of these items or to supply them at small charge, please write REV. PAUL PH. SPITZ, Box 222, Thermopolis, Wyo.

A small *bell* for the cupola of Our Savior Lutheran Church, a mission congregation at Arlington, Va. Anyone able to supply one please communicate with REV. P. M. KAVASCH, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Arlington, Va.

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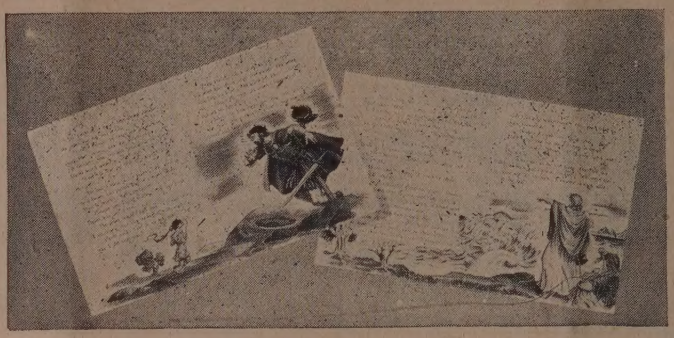

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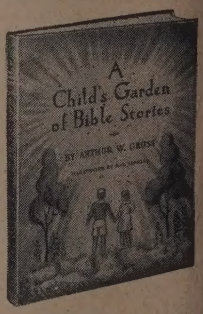

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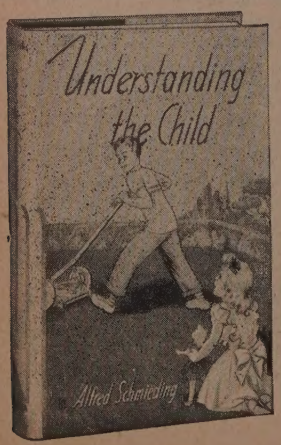

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